

and their successors, are created and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia, where its legal domicile shall be, by the name of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America (hereinafter referred to as the corporation) and by such name shall be known and have perpetual succession and the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.

(Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 976, §1, 70 Stat. 1052; Dec. 10, 1991, Pub. L. 102-199, §1(2), 105 Stat. 1628.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-199, §1(2)(A), substituted “successors; and Gerald W. Blakeley, Jr., Boston, Massachusetts; Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., Bronx, New York; Cees Bruynes, Stamford, Connecticut; Honorable Arnold I. Burns, New York, New York; John L. Burns, Greenwich, Connecticut; Hays Clark, Hobe Sound, Florida; Mrs. Albert L. Cole, Hobe Sound, Florida; Honorable Michael Curb, Burbank, California; Robert W. Fowler, Atlantic Beach, Florida; Thomas G. Garth, New York, New York; Moore Gates, Jr., Princeton, New Jersey; Ronald J. Gidwitz, Chicago, Illinois; John S. Griswold, Greenwich, Connecticut; Claude H. Grizzard, Atlanta, Georgia; George V. Grune, Pleasantville, New York; Peter L. Haynes, New York, New York; James S. Kemper, Northbrook, Illinois; Plato Malozemoff, New York, New York; Edmund O. Martin, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Donald E. McNicol, Esq., New York, New York; Carolyn P. Millbank, Greenwich, Connecticut; Jeremiah Milbank, New York, New York; C. W. Murchison III, Dallas, Texas; W. Clement Stone, Lake Forest, Illinois, and their successors,” for “successors.”

Pub. L. 102-199, §1(2)(B), which directed the substitution of “Boys & Girls” for “Boys”, was executed by substituting “Boys & Girls” for “Boys” to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 692 of this title.

§ 692. Completion of organization

A majority of the persons named in section 691 of this title are authorized to complete the organization of the corporation by the adoption of a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with this chapter, and the doing of such other acts (including the selection of officers and employees in accordance with such constitution and bylaws) as may be necessary for such purpose.

(Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 976, §2, 70 Stat. 1052.)

§ 693. Purpose of corporation

The purpose of the corporation shall be to promote the health, social, educational, vocational, and character development of youth throughout the United States of America; to receive, invest, and disburse funds and to hold property for the purposes of the corporation.

(Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 976, §3, 70 Stat. 1052; Dec. 10, 1991, Pub. L. 102-199, §1(3), 105 Stat. 1628.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-199 substituted “youth” for “boys”.

§ 694. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have power—

- (1) to have succession by its corporate name;
- (2) to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (3) to adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;
- (4) to choose such officers, managers, agents, and employees as the business of the corporation may require;

(5) to adopt, amend, and alter a constitution and bylaws, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or any State in which the corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(6) to contract and be contracted with;

(7) to take by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest from any private corporation, association, partnership, firm or individual and to hold any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation, subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount or kind of property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of property by, a corporation operating in such State;

(8) to transfer, convey, lease, sublease, encumber and otherwise alienate real, personal or mixed property; and

(9) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, or otherwise, subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal and State laws.

(Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 976, §4, 70 Stat. 1052.)

§ 695. Principal office; territorial scope of activities; agent for service of process

(a) The principal office of the corporation shall be located in New York City, New York, or in such other place as may be later determined by the board of directors, but the activities of the corporation shall not be confined to that place, but may be conducted throughout the various States, Territories, and possessions of the United States.

(b) The corporation shall have in the District of Columbia at all times a designated agent authorized to accept service of process for the corporation; and notice to or service upon such agent, or mailed to the business address of such agent, shall be deemed notice to or service upon the corporation.

(Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 976, §5, 70 Stat. 1053.)

§ 696. Membership; voting rights; benefits of member organizations

(a) Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members shall, except as provided in this chapter, be determined as the constitution and bylaws of the corporation may provide. Each member of the corporation shall have the right to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at all meetings of the members of the corporation.

(b) Each organization which is a member of the corporation as provided in the constitution thereof shall be entitled to all the benefits of incorporation under this chapter, but such benefits shall cease immediately either upon its resignation from the corporation, or in the event that its membership in the corporation is canceled or otherwise terminated by the board of directors, as provided in the constitution of the corporation.